

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for interfacing with a backup or restore client application on a backup or restore server, the method comprising the computer-executed steps of: using a software agent for selectively presenting a user using a computer other than the backup or restore server with a graphical or command line generic user interface for performing a dialogue; and using information acquired in the dialogue for configuring for or performing a backup or restore operation on the backup or restore server.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user interface is created using data structures created by function calls that are part of an application program interface.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the data structures are shared by more than one application program interface.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the more than one application program interface include an application program interface that is directed toward configuring a client application for the backup or restore operation.

5. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the more than one application program interface includes an application program interface that is directed toward interfacing with a client application for carrying out the backup or restore operation.
6. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the more than one application program interface include an application program interface that is directed toward browsing a client application for objects to configure for or for carrying out the backup or restore operation.
7. Canceled.
8. Canceled
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 7, wherein the graphical user interface GUI is created using data structures created by function calls that are part of an application program interface.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the data structures are shared by more than one application program interface.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the more than one application program interface include an application program interface that is directed toward configuring a client application for the backup or restore operation.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the more than one application program interface includes an application program interface that is directed toward interfacing with a client application for carrying out the backup or restore operation.

13. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the more than one application program interface include an application program interface that is directed toward browsing a client application for objects to configure for or for carrying out the backup or restore operation.

14. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a data storage system including at least one storage device;

a computer system including a client application in communication with the data storage system and a software agent for communicating between the client application and a user;

a backup or restore server in communication with the computer system and the data storage system; and

computer-executable logic in communication with the computer system and backup or restore server that enables the method steps of:

using the software agent for selectively presenting a user using a computer other than the backup or restore server with a graphical or command line generic user interface for performing a dialogue; and

using information acquired in the dialogue for configuring for or performing a backup or restore operation on the backup or restore server.

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15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the user interface is created using data structures created by function calls that are part of an application program interface.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the data structures are shared by more than one application program interface.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the more than one application program interface include an application program interface that is directed toward configuring a client application for the backup or restore operation.

18. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the more than one application program interface includes an application program interface that is directed toward interfacing with a client application for carrying out the backup or restore operation.

19. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the more than one application program interface include an application program interface that is directed toward browsing a client application for objects to configure for or for carrying out the backup or restore operation.

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22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14 ~~20~~, wherein the graphical user interface GUI is created using data structures created by function calls that are part of an application program interface.

23. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein the data structures are shared by more than one application program interface.

24. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the more than one application program interface include an application program interface that is directed toward configuring a client application for the backup or restore operation.

25. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the more than one application program interface includes an application program interface that is directed toward interfacing with a client application for carrying out the backup or restore operation.

26. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the more than one application program interface include an application program interface that is directed toward browsing a client application for objects to configure for or for carrying out the backup or restore operation.

27. (Currently Amended) A program product for use with a data storage system including at least one storage device and a computer system including a client application in communication

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with the data storage system and a backup or restore server being and a software agent for communicating between the client application and a user, the product being comprised of:

computer-executable logic contained on a computer-readable medium and which is configured for enabling the following steps:

using the software agent for selectively presenting a user using a computer other than the backup or restore server with a graphical or command line generic user interface for performing a dialogue; and

using information acquired in the dialogue for configuring for or performing a backup or restore operation on the backup or restore server.

28. (Original) The program product of claim 27, wherein the user interface is created using data structures created by function calls that are part of an application program interface.

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